(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any of these projects are to be implemented in India; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The Second G-15 Summit held at Caracas, Venezuela from 27-29 November, 1991 approved six proposals for promoting South-South Cooperation. The projects are; (1) Establishment of Gene Banks for Medicinal and Aromatic plants and Herbs among developing countries (2) Solar Energy Applications (3) South Investment Trade and Technology Data Exchange Centre (4) A Multilateral payments Arrangement for promotion of trade among South countries (5) A meeting of financial experts to discuss the external debt problem in April-May, 1992 in order to formulate common approaches on this issue (6) Community-based project on self-reliance and people-centered development.

(c) to (f). Two projects relating to the establishment of Gene Banks for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and Herbs in developing countries and Solar Energy Applications were proposed by India at the First G-15 Summit in Kuala Lumpur and were agreed in principle. India convened a meeting of the Group of Experts from G-15 Member countries in New Delhi from September 23-25, 1991 to refine and finalise the two projects. The Caracas Summit approved the two projects and endorsed their implementation. Follow-up action for the execution of the two projects is being taken by India.

[*Translation*]

Upper Tapti project

4552. SHRI MAHENDRA KUMAR SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the latest estimated cost of the Upper Tapti Project;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) the present stage of construction of the project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (d). the latest estimated cost of the Upper Tapti Project of Maharashtra is Rs. 101.32 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 77.37 crores has been incurred upto the end of March, 1991. The work on main dam, main canal in first 85 kilometers and the distribution system under first 27 distributaries have been completed. The project is scheduled for completion during the VIII plans.

The modified project report of Upper Tapti State-II, a joint project of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, alongwith inter-State agreement and environmental and forests clearance has not been received at the Centre.

[*English*]

World Bank aided Cattle Development Project

4553. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank have cleared the Cattle Development Project in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places in kerala identified for the implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Amnesty International

4554. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANADYAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government have made any suggestion to allow the Amnesty International to work actively in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such suggestions have been made by any other foreign country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e). The Government has received such suggestions regarding Amnesty International from a few foreign Governments including UK. Amnesty International has an active India Chapter. The Government maintains a dialogue with Amnesty International on the human rights situation in India.

Fish Landing Centres in Kerala

4555. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct more Fish landing centres in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have proposals for construction of fish landing centres at Thottappally, Kattoor-Pollathai, and Quilandy.

News Item Captioned "Indian Drug Banned in Nepal"

4556. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Indian drug banned in Nepal" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated November 28, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The facts of the matter are being ascertained from our Embassy in Kathmandu.

Market Intervention operation by NDDB

4557. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Market intervention Operation by the National Dairy Development Board to stabilise prices of edible oils has been successful in preventing profiteer-